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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BELMONT
MR. NEASE

Mr. Harold H. Healy, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, called to advise that Robert Gray, Secretary to the Cabinet, had asked him to check with me in connection with the briefing of the Cabinet tomorrow morning. He stated he did not know whether or not I was familiar with a group of assistants for Cabinet coordination and indicated that he was a member of this group which follows closely the Cabinet presentations. He stated they have developed the practice where a number of them repeat these presentations verbatim or give a substantial summary of the presentation given at the Cabinet meeting. Mr. Healy stated that Mr. Gray wanted to know the extent to which they might authorize a presentation of my speech to the Cabinet, or if perhaps I might be in a position to repeat, to the extent I thought advisable, a part of my briefing to this group. I told him that my reaction is to first wait to see if my briefing of the Cabinet was any good and then find out who comprises this group since there is some extremely sensitive information contained in my briefing tomorrow and if by chance any of it leaked out it might be detrimental to our coverage. I thought perhaps Mr. Gray could advise, after hearing the briefing, whether it would be well to consider giving any part of this to the group above mentioned. Mr. Healy stated that he would suggest to Mr. Gray that he, Gray, speak to me after the briefing and if Mr. Gray indicated favorably he, Mr. Healy, would supply me with the names of the members of the group.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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